



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

P.O. BOX 8952 • MADISON, WI 53708

FOR RELEASE ON:  
July 30, 2018

Contact: Rep. Don Vruwink  
608-266-3790

## **Vruwink Appointed to Dairy Task Force 2.0**

Wisconsin's Agriculture Secretary appointed State Rep. Don Vruwink to the Dairy Task Force 2.0, the sequel to a task force that was formed in 1985.

Dairy Task Force 2.0 is charged with studying Wisconsin's dairy industry and making recommendations for actions needed to make it remain strong and vibrant.

"I'm honored to be appointed to this task force," said Vruwink, who serves on the Legislature's Agriculture Committee. "I grew up on a dairy farm in Central Wisconsin. Not only did I work on my parents' farm, but also my uncle's farm, and my grandparents' farm to work my way through college.

"I often visit the farms of my cousins and the businesses of my friends who I grew up with in Central Wisconsin, as well as Milton and the farmers I know in the area. I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience to help our dairy farmers, milk processors, and related businesses thrive."

Dairy generates \$43.4 billion in Wisconsin every year, accounting for nearly half of the state's agricultural economy.

Members of the Dairy Task Force were appointed by Agriculture Secretary Sheila Harsdorf and University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross. They include 14 farmers from all parts of the state; nine milk processors and marketers; eight representatives of allied organizations; and four legislators. The other legislators are Sen. Janis Ringhand (D-Evansville), Sen. Luther Olsen (R-Ripon), and Rep. Jon Plumer (R-Lodi).

**-END-**